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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing in the present application are the following documents:

- ☒ Information Disclosure Statement (2 pages);
- ☒ Modified Form 1449/PTO (1 page) in duplicate;
- ☒ Copies of References A1-A5; and
- ☒ Return Postcard.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees that may be due to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No. 24631-501. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is enclosed.

If the enclosed papers are considered incomplete, the Mail Room and/or the Application Branches respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at 212/692-6803, New York, New York.

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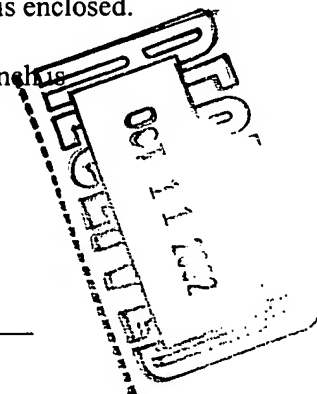


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This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits in the above-identified case. Accordingly, no fee or certification is required. 37 C.F.R. §1.97.

A copy of each of the references is enclosed unless otherwise indicated on the attached Form PTO-1449 (modified). It is respectfully requested that the Examiner consider the cited information, along with any other information, in reaching a determination concerning the patentability of the present claims, and signs the enclosed form PTO-1449 to evidence that the cited information has been fully considered by the Patent and Trademark Office during the examination of this application.

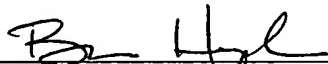
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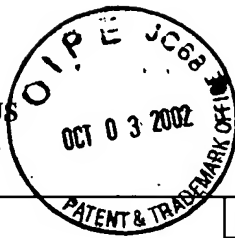


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OTHER NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS		
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	C1	International Search Report for PCT/US02/00684, mailed 12 September 2002

\* a copy of this reference is not provided as it was previously cited by or submitted to the office in a prior application, U.S.S.N. \_\_\_\_\_, filed \_\_\_\_\_, and relied upon for an earlier filing date under 35 U.S.C. §120 (continuation, continuation-in-part, and divisional applications).

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